

Officials Chair Report

December 30, 2019

A starter/referee clinic was held in Westbrook in conjunction with the SEALS King & Queen meet. It was well attended, and several are working on their shadows and testing. There are two more clinics being held for this season. The first is a stroke & turn clinic in Westbrook on January 11, 2020. This will be the last stroke & turn clinic of the season; another one will not be held until fall 2020. I encourage those that attending to be serious about getting all the necessary requirements done for certification by March 1st. There will be no shadows at the trials meet in March due to the low numbers of well experienced officials at this meet with the large number of swimmers looking to make cut times for Winter Champs. All officials must meet the guideline of having officiated 4 sessions during the prior year in order to work at Winter Champs 2020.

There will also be one last starter/referee clinic held on January 18th at the Bath YMCA at 930 am. Any starter/referee that is in need of a recert clinic should be at this clinic. Please check when you last attended a clinic as all officials need to attend a clinic every three years for their highest level of certification. Please email me if you have any questions.

We will be ordering 6 more radios to be used by the officials to streamline communication at our large meets such as Bowdoin Open and our championship meets.

Coaches, please remind all parents about our safesport rules. In the last two months I have had to address parents/volunteers in taking pictures/videos on deck. In one instance it was a volunteer time video taping her swimmer during a race. I have now adjusted the timer briefing to include that no timers are allowed to have their phones on deck for any reason. Please try to be aware and bring any issues you see immediately to your meet referee.

Have a safe and wonderful new year,

Nicole